

A true  
DESCRIPTION  
OF  
CAROLINA.

**C***arolina* is part of the Main in *America*, and so much celebrated by Monsieur *Laudoniere*, that he entitles it *Florida*, because of her florid, and fragrant Fields, imbellish'd with Flowers, that perfume the Air: whose sweet Scituations, by reason of most delicious and pleasant Meadows (and flourishing Savana's) adorn the Continent; and whose benevolent Breast sends daily Supplies to the Planter, and hourly Relief to the poor and necessitous Native: whose spacious Arms (as if circulating the Ocean) proclaims her Shores Sanctuary to distressed Mariners; and a generous protection to deplorable Seamen, that solicit refreshment from her replenish'd Harbours, which extend themselves southward to the River *St. Mattheo*, so dilates to *Luak Island*, near *Roanoack* on the promontories of *Virginia*, in thirty six degrees North Latitude (now called *Albemarle*) a large and spacious settlement consisting of some two or three thousand Inhabitants, upon a fertil Soil.

But the late and flourishing settlement lies yet more Southerly, in and about 32 Degrees, odd Minutes; parallel with *Jerusalem* in *Palestine*: and equals the heighth of *Bermudos*, upon the navigable Rivers of *Cooper*, and *Ashly*; formerly known by the Names of *Wando* and *Kiawah*.

This is that famous *Carolina*, which his Majesty the King of *Great Britain* has united to his Imperial Crown, and by his Royal Grant established it a Province; and has dignified it a Principality: which by consent amongst the Lords is transferr'd to the eldest Proprietor. But the Proprietors are eight in number, and their Names and Titles as followeth. Lord Chancellor *Clarendon*, Lord Duke *Albemarle*, Earl of *Craven*, Lord *Anthony Ashly Cooper* Earl of *Shaftsbury*, John Lord *Berkley*, Sir *George Carteret*, Sir *William Berkley*, and Sir *John Colleton* Kt. and Bar. These are the Lords Proprietors, whose Laws and Government (because to proceed in my Description) is suspended till farther Opportunity presents to usher them in.

The Heavens shine upon this famous Country the sovereign Ray of health; and has blest it with a serene Air, and a lofty Skie, that defends it from noxious Infection; nor is there any known Distemper incident to the Inhabitant whereby to terrify and affright him; who for the most part lives by the Law of Plenty, extended to the utmost limits of Sanity.

Several Families have transported themselves from the Ports of *Barbadoes*, but what from the rest of the *Caribbies*, I know not: yet am credibly inform'd (and from very good hands) that divers are gone, and going from thence: as also from *New-Providence*, *Bermudus*, *New-York*, *New-Jersey*, *New-England*, *Long-Island* *De-la-ware*, *Maryland* and *Virginia*; but great num-

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The first part of the description is a general one, and is intended to give a general idea of the country. It is a large country, and is situated in the southern part of North America. It is bounded on the north by the State of Virginia, on the east by the Atlantic Ocean, on the south by the Gulf of Mexico, and on the west by the State of Georgia. The climate is generally warm, and the soil is fertile. The principal cities are Charleston, Savannah, and Raleigh. The principal occupations are agriculture, commerce, and manufacturing. The population is about 1,000,000. The government is a republic, and the President is the chief executive officer. The Congress is the legislative body, and the Supreme Court is the judicial body. The State is divided into counties, and each county is governed by a board of commissioners. The principal cities are Charleston, Savannah, and Raleigh. The principal occupations are agriculture, commerce, and manufacturing. The population is about 1,000,000. The government is a republic, and the President is the chief executive officer. The Congress is the legislative body, and the Supreme Court is the judicial body. The State is divided into counties, and each county is governed by a board of commissioners.



bers from *Scotland*, and several from the borders of *Ireland*: besides divers good Ships, with some eminent Families that are lately gone off from the Kingdom of *England*. Moreover, its a salubrious Air to the sick, and diseased; and a generous retirement to necessitous, and abject Families; as also the assurance of such as study to be rich: Engins strong enough one would think to induce Mankind to hope the prosperity of this famous Settlement.

But the settlement of *Albemarle* (otherwise called *Roanoke*) presents first to our view; and is the oldest, and remotest Northern County in the fair Province of *Carolina*; scituated about 35 Degrees, and odd Minutes North Latitude: from whose replenished Meadows (as also from the more Southern Inhabitants) as good Beef, and Pork is saved, and sent off to *Barbadoes*, and other the *Charibbee* Islands, as Art and Industry can husband.

Now *Ashley* County is yet more southward, and lies scituated 32 degrees, 45 minutes; where the Setlers and Inhabitants toil not in Summer to accommodate themselves with Winter's Provision: because hitherto they have considered it useles, and altogether unnecessary for the Planter to employ his Hands, and Strength, where Nature so liberally stocks them with Herbage: and the Winter, because so softened with a moderate Air, represents it much of the cast and temperament with our *March* in *England*; and that's as much as to consider it the relique only of a mild and short Winter, or rather the surprizal of an approaching Spring, that breaths forth to initiate the Summer. And here it is that their Ships are built, and drest up by *Bermudian* hands, the most approved Mariners; and a general Errour if not the best navigating Ships in *America*.

And now by way of Advice, the first thing requisit and necessary for the Setler to embrace, is to fell Timber, and to clear the Ground (which is reasonably undertaken, as by an *Advertisement* in the last Paragraph) as some already have done, and planted *Potatoes*, the *Cassida Root*, *Tams*, *Eddies*, *Carrots*, *Cabbidges*, *Onyons*, *Turnips*, *Parsnips*, *Shelots*, (but they grow naturally there) *Collyflowers*, *Artichokes*, *Musk-Melons*, and *Water-Melons*; besides *Wormwood*, *Nep*, *Scurvy-grass*, *Rue*, *Meadsweet*, *Trefoil*, *Cinquefoil*, *Elecampane*, (*Amis*, *Cububs*, and *Cardamome Seeds*) *Radishes*, and *Horse-Radishes*, *Mellelot*, *Angellica*, *Arch-Angel*, *Rosemary*, *Thime*, *Lettice*, *Spinage*, *Sweetmarjarum*, *Summer*, and *Winter-Savory*, *Endive*, *Succory*, *Hopps*, *Water-Cresses*, *Cena*, and *China-Root*, with other *Druggs*, and *Saxafrage*, *Sassafras*, and *Sassaperrilla*: besides divers other Vegetables without number.

Moreover, all sorts of *English* Grane, as *Wheat*, *Rye*, *Barley*, *Peas*, *Beans*, *Oates*, *Lentills*, *Fitches*, and *Indian* Corn, with other *European* and *American* Roots, and Plants; which *Carolina* beyond dispute with small industry will produce as large, and as good as the World has.

The next thing worthy our consideration, is their plentiful Eating; because having their accommodation very cheap within themselves; where Beef two years since was sold at 12 s. a 100, and Pork at the rate of 16 s. So that Cattel (you may read) begins to be plentiful, and Hoggs of a prodigious encrease. And most of those Cattel very fair, and large-headed Beasts, now grazing up and down in beautiful *Savana's*, little or nothing inferiour to our *English* Meadows: there are several industrious Setlers, and Planters, that prosper very well, tho not having much to begin with.

Moreover, there are Barrows (which by reason of the superabundant plenty of Mast, and Roots in those parts) that some have weighed three or four hundred weight a-piece, and such had the Lady *Yeomans*, as I am credibly informed, who had 400 Hoggs in a Herd, and 500 Turkies in a Drove; besides Dunghil Fowls too numerous to relate without suspicion. And which Plantation of hers, consisting of 1500 Acres, was by the industry of one Mr. *James Moore* (an *English* Gentleman) cleared from Charge in some three years time, and with the

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The first of these is the fact that the  
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Here in these parts you may expect to meet with abundance of Navigable Rivers, their Soundings I shall particularize more in my next; as also of their Rivulets, stilline Streams are clear and transparent. But their imbellish'd Meadows, fertile Savana's, are guarded with pleasant and solitary Woods; besides delicious Fruits that direct to Admiration. Which to numerate, as also to frame a Catalogue of various Families of Fish, and their store; whose prodigious increase here to inform. However, some of them are *Shad*, *Sturgeon* and *Salmon*, omitting *Whale*, which is in these Seas; so is the *Seel* or *Selk*, the *Bottle-Nose*, and the *Porpus*, besides many other Fish: but the *Shark* to admiration, wants Courage here, as indeed all other Raptures do, for if they see but the Face of an Infant, they immediatly fly. Another *Drum*, *Porgie*, *Bass*, *Boneto*, *Dolphin*, *Albeckore*, *Sheepsheads*, *Oldwives*, *Catfish*, *Carr* and *Mullets* the largest in America. *Trout* also they have of two foot long, besides the *Eel*, and the *Perch*; with several other fresh-water Fish omitted (without Catalogue. And their Shell-fish are *Crabbs*, better than those in *England*; but have none that I hear of. However, *Cockles*, and *Mussels* they have; and Banks of *Oysters* (and some with Pearl) that seem to barocade the Creeks. Besides *Prawns* and *Shrimps*, in the brackish and salt Waters, but *Crawfish* in the freshes; various Entertainments, both to the Native, and fortunate Planter. But their *Ant Turtle*, *Bever*, *Otters*, *Manatee*, *Alegators*, &c.

And their Fleshes are *Beeves*, *Veals*, *Porks*, *Stagg*, and *Fallow Deer*, *Raccoons*, *Apoll Lamb*, *Kid*, *Hare*, *Rabit*, &c. But Ravenous Creatures are *Wolves*, *Foxes*, *Bears*, *Pan*. And their Venemous Creature is the *Rattlesnake*. Then there's Wild Fowl to as *Signets*, *Swans*, and *Wild Turkeys* of incredible weight, besides teems of *Geese*, a sorts. There is *Pheasant* also, *Cranes*, and *Heronshaws*, the *Woodcock*, and *Teal*, with *Poot*, *Morefowl*, *Curlue*, and *Covies* of *Partridges*; besides *Plover* great store, great. There also are *Turtle Doves*, *Feldivers*, *Sea Larks*, *Snade*, *Levericks*, *Widgins*, and *berless*; besides the *Mockbird*, with diversity and variety of *Singing Birds*, and other Fowl, that I cannot accompt for. Moreover, they have plenty of *Dunghil Fow* and *Hen*, the *Goose*, the *Turkey*, the *Muscovy* and *English Duck* and *Drake*. Where Savana's are crowded with *Deer*, and large and stately Herds of Cattel pasture as *Sheep* the pleasant Pastures; and where every Field is replenish'd with Corn, *Gardens* in *Asia*, and *Europe* enriched with choice Stone Fruits; but *Almond* *Aprcock-Trees*, *Malagatoons*, and the *Muslin Plumb* (the richest Stone Fruit in *England*) divers other Trees, as the *Bone Crittongon*, and the *Burgamy Pear*; besides *Pippins*, *Golden Russitins*, *Harvey*, *Lady-finger*, and *Redstreak*, with various other now sent over by the Honourable Sir Peter Colleton Bar. one of the *Lords Proprietors* several Fruit-Trees, Flowers, and Roots, by divers other able *Gentlemen* and *Men* have already laid a Foundation in this Southern Latitude of *Carolina*.

*Advertisement.* There is one Mr. *Nathan Sumers* Engineer for *Carolina*, that hath undertaken [ Engine of his own ] with the *Lords Proprietors*, and others to unburden, and clear the Ground to qation at 12 Pence a Tree, if not exceeding six Foot Diameter; and 6 d. a Tree from one Foot to ches Diameter. And that the said *Proprietors* have contracted with the said *Sumers*, to secure to him the sole use and benefit of the said Invention, for 14 years, as certified.

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